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TAGS: OREP, UY  
SUBJ: VISITING CONGRESSMAN MCDONALD, PORTRAYED AS  
CARTER REPRESENTATIVE

REF: STATE 303025

1. SUMMARY. HEADLINED IN TODAY'S PRESS IS THE EXPECTED  
ARRIVAL THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 22 OF CONGRESSMAN AND  
MRS. LAWRENCE MCDONALD OF GEORGIA. NOTING THAT MCDONALD  
IS FROM THE SAME STATE AS PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, NEWS  
REPORTS SPECULATE THAT HE IS CLOSELY LINKED TO CARTER AND  
MAY BE HIS PERSONAL ENVOY. SCHEDULING OF TALKS WITH  
PRESIDENT APARICIO MENDEZ, COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT  
HAMLET REYES, AND OTHERS ON DECEMBER 23 HEIGHTENS SPECULA-  
TION ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF MCDONALD'S VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2.TWO OF MONTEVIDEO'S THREE MORNING DAILIES ANNOUNCED  
THE PENDING VISIT OF REP. LAWRENCE MCDONALD TO URUGUAY.  
EL PAIS' RED-BANNER HEADLINE STATED, "CARTER DUPUTY ARRIVES  
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TODAY", WHILE THE EL DIA HEADLINE SAID, "CONGRESSMAN  
CLOSE TO CARTER VISITS URUGUAY". THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED  
THAT THE FONMINISTRY HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE EMBASSY THAT MCDONALD  
WAS COMING ON AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT. AS BACKGROUND, EMBOFF DID  
CALL MINISTRY TO ATTEMPT LEARN WHAT THEY COULD TELL US OF VISIT.  
THIS DONE FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL AS WE DESIRED PROVIDE CONGRESSMAN

WITH USUAL LETTER OFFERING SERVICES. EMBOFF MADE NO SPECULATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN AND PRESIDENT-ELECT.

3. THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL INFORMS US THAT MCDONALD PARTY ARRIVING LATE AFTERNOON DECEMBER 22 AND THAT APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MCDONALD, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND A PROFESSOR GARCIA, TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MENDEZ, MINISTER OF LABOR ETCHEVERRY, COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT REYES, COUNCIL OF STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FRANCA AND SECRETARY OF PLANNING, COORDINATION AND INFORMATION BRIGADIER CARDOZO ON DECEMBER 23. GOU ALSO PROVIDING MCDONALD PARTY WITH TWO CARS.

4. WE KNOW NEITHER WHO SOUGHT THE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS ON MCDONALD'S BEHALF NOR THE NATURE OF HIS VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO. AMBASSADOR SENT LETTER TO MCDONALD AT HOTEL OFFERING ANY ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED.  
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